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BLACKOUT

THE CURSE OF RA MOON

PART ONE (OF FOUR)

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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™



PREVIOUSLY...

Mega Man's birthday bash turned into a birthday clash when Break Man – aka Mega Man's long lost brother, Blues – arrived!

As the brothers battled, Mega Man's sister, Roll, attempted to stop the fighting only to be critically damaged in the crossfire.

Meanwhile, far away in the jungle, the evil Dr. Wily prepared his latest scheme for world domination alongside his new ally, the mysterious alien being known as RA MOON. After building an army of robot masters based off of Wily's designs, Ra Moon betrayed the wicked doctor and initiated a worldwide blackout, which "switched off" all technology across the planet! Including Mega Man!

Ra Moon's army of robot masters remain unaffected by the blackout, and the rest of the planet has been left defenseless!

With Mega Man offline, it appears as though nothing can stop this curse of Ra Moon...



CHARACTER SELECT



MEGA MAN
HERO OF LIGHT LABS



BREAK MAN
MEGA MAN'S RENEGADE BROTHER



DR. LIGHT
ROBOTICS GENIUS



ROLL
MEGA MAN'S SISTER

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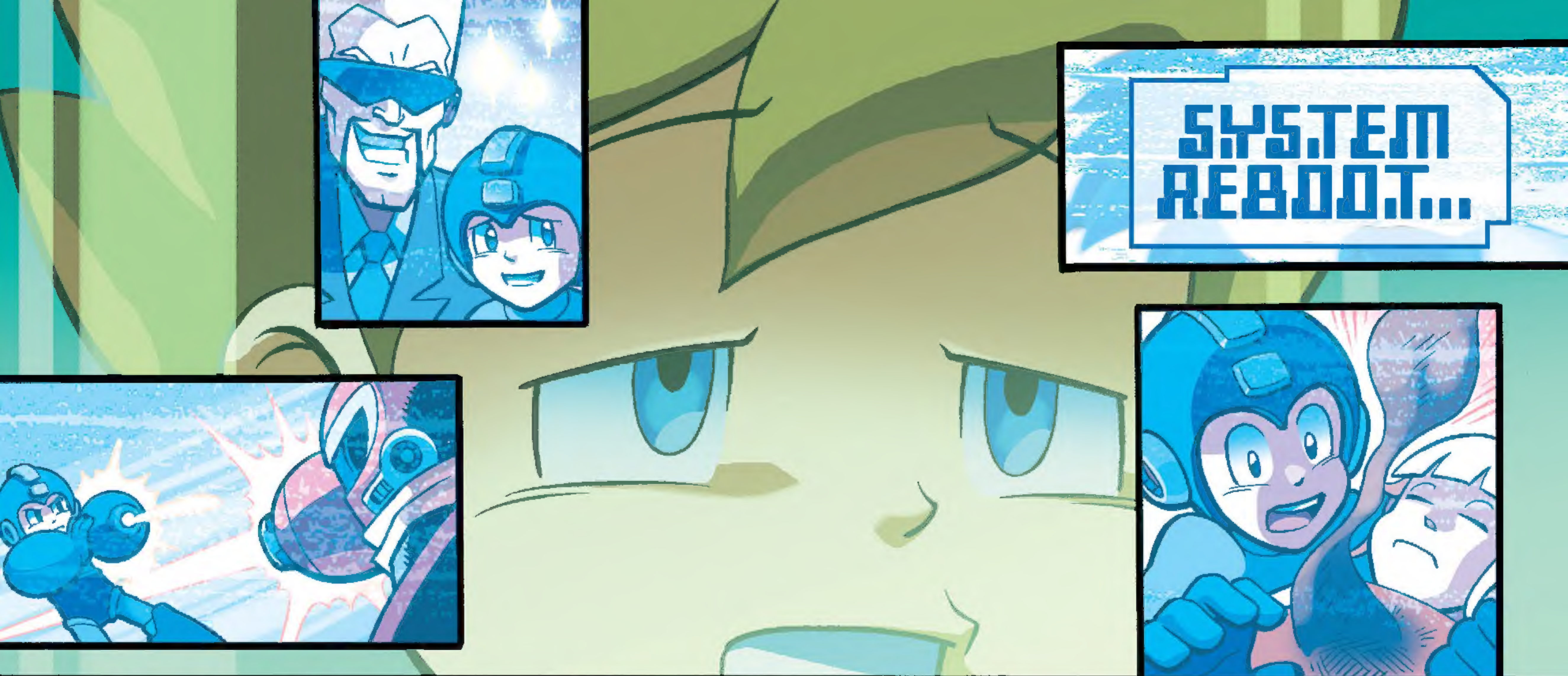
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SYSTEM
REBOOT...

THE CURSE OF RA MOON

Part One: BAD MOON RISING



LIGHT
LABS...

REBOOT COMPLETE,
YOUR BOY'S AWAKE,
THOMAS. I'M DRAIN-
ING THE SYSTEM NOW.

OH, THANK
HEAVENS!



DOCTOR LIGHT!
WHAT HAPPENED?!
I WAS FIGHTING THAT
WEIRD ROBOT, THEN
HE SHOT ROLL, AND
NOW I'M COVERED
IN STUFF AND THE
LAB'S A WRECK AND--!

COME HERE,
SON, IT WILL
BE ALL RIGHT!

I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING
--OR AT LEAST WHAT I CAN.
FIRST, I NEED YOU TO RUN
A SELF-DIAGNOSTIC.

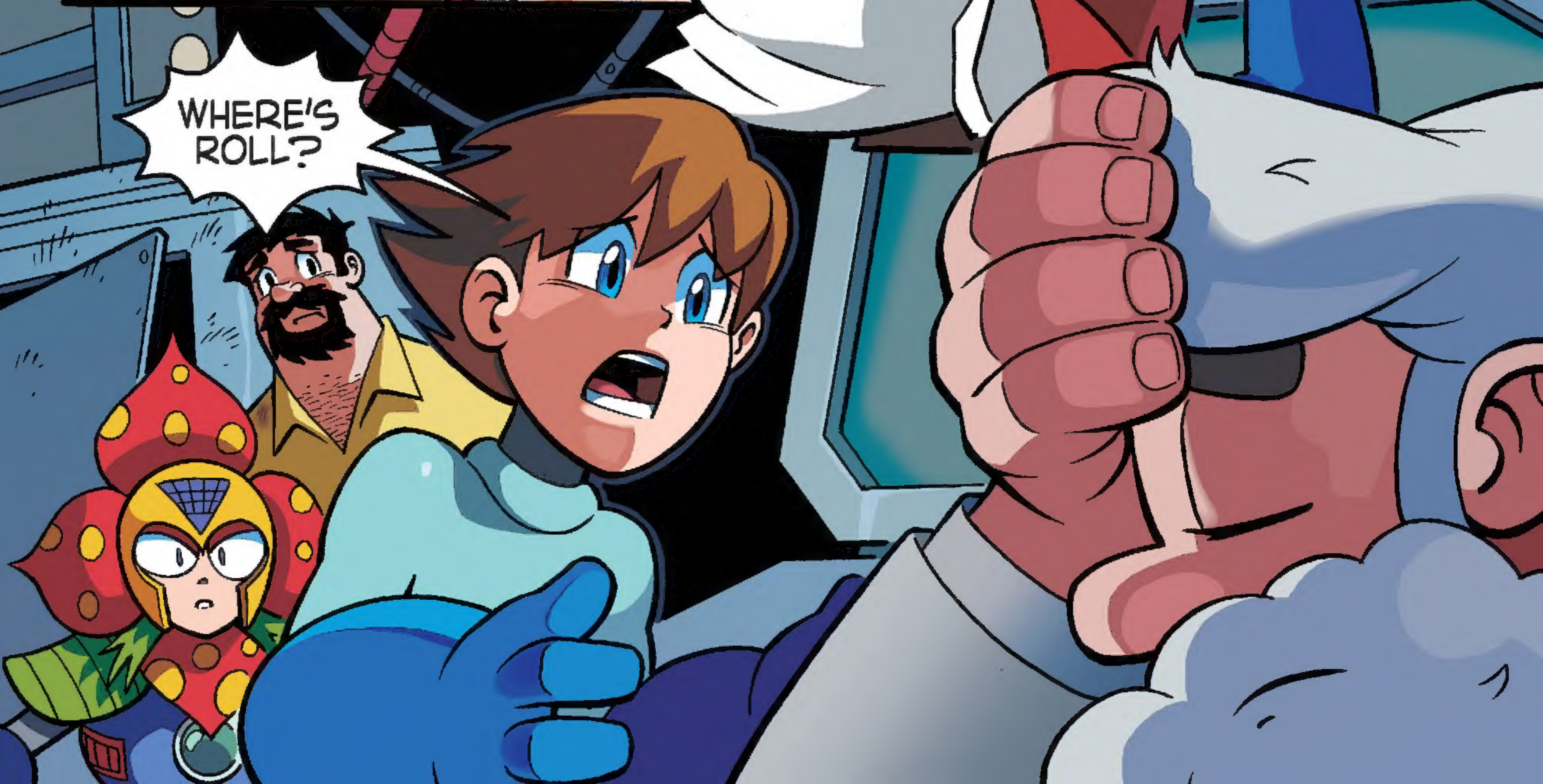


I'M FINE, ASIDE FROM
A FEW MINOR MEMORY
ERRORS. MY INTERNAL
CLOCK SAYS I'VE BEEN
OFFLINE FOR...FOR...

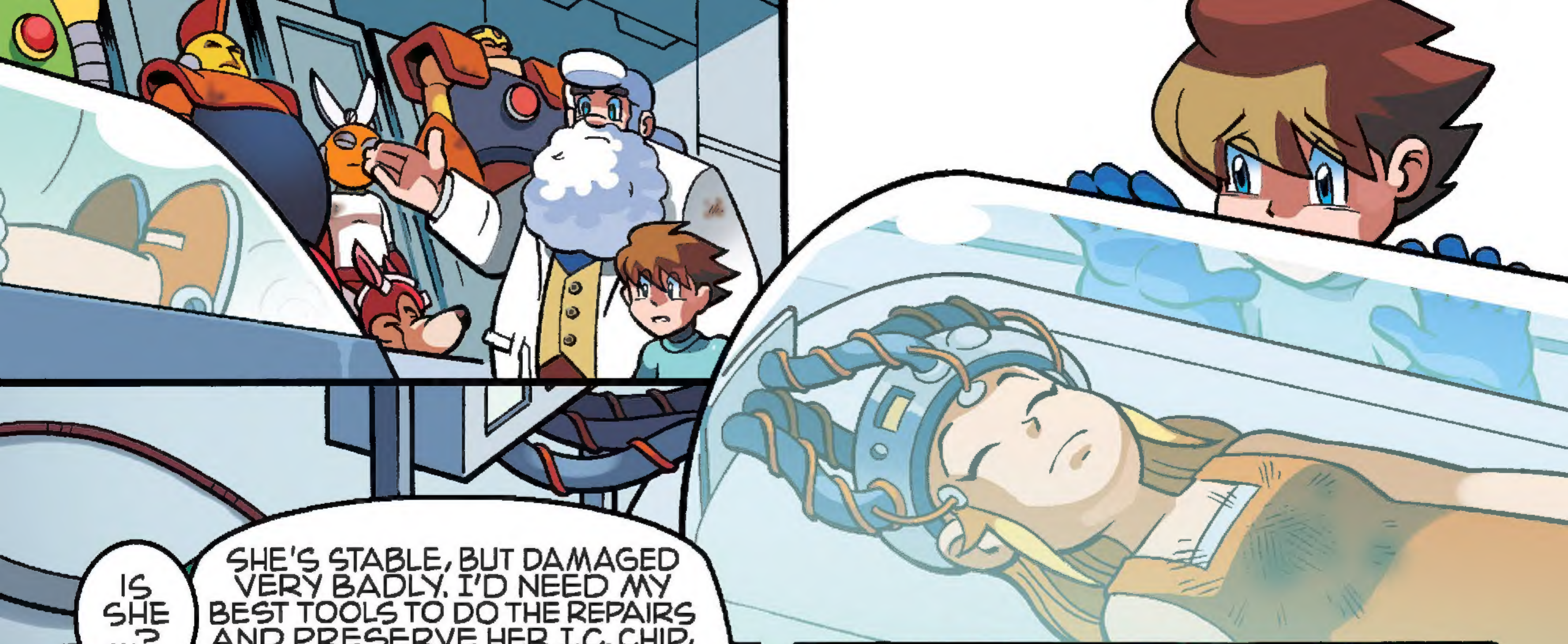


TWO WEEKS, YOU...AND
VIRTUALLY ALL TECH-
NOLOGY ON EARTH WERE
FORCED OFFLINE TWO
WEEKS AGO. IT TOOK
US THAT LONG TO
DEVELOP THE COATING
THAT'S PROTECTING
YOUR SYSTEMS NOW.

PROTECT
THEM--? NO,
WAIT--



WHERE'S
ROLL?



IS SHE ...?

SHE'S STABLE, BUT DAMAGED VERY BADLY. I'D NEED MY BEST TOOLS TO DO THE REPAIRS AND PRESERVE HER I.C. CHIP, AND ALL OF THOSE ARE OFF-LINE. THE FLUID SOLUTION THAT'S PROTECTING YOU WOULD ONLY COMPLICATE THE DAMAGED PIECES. I'M SORRY, ROCK. THIS CAPSULE WILL KEEP HER SAFE FOR NOW, BUT WITH THE WAVE INTENSIFYING DAILY, I'M AFRAID HER CONDITION WILL WORSEN ...UNTIL...

NO!

WHAT WAVE? TELL ME HOW TO FIX THIS.

THERE'S AN ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE AFFECTING THE ENTIRE WORLD. IT'S WHAT CAUSED THE GLOBAL BLACKOUT, FORCED YOU OFFLINE, AND MADE FOR ALL THE COMPLICATIONS PREVENTING US FROM REPAIRING YOUR SISTER. IN SHORT, IT SHOWED JUST HOW DEPENDENT WE'VE BECOME ON MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

TECHNOLOGY THAT, WHEN FIXED, WILL ENSURE A SWIFT RECOVERY FOR US ALL. ROCK, THIS IS DR. PEDRO ASTIL. HE'S AN OLD COLLEAGUE OF MINE, AND AN INVALUABLE HELP IN MANAGING THIS CRISIS.

I WAS IN TOWN FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY. YOU CERTAINLY LEAD AN ADVENTUROUS LIFE.*

HELLO.

*SEE MEGA MAN #23 AND 28.

WHILE WE'RE MAKING INTRODUCTIONS, THIS IS PLANT MAN. HE'S A ROBOT MASTER I DESIGNED WITH THOMAS' HELP. THANKS TO HIS UNIQUE BOTANICAL BASIS, HE MANAGED TO BARELY ENDURE THE BLACKOUT.

HOLA. IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET THE FAMOUS MEGA MAN.

HAPPY TO SEE ANOTHER ROBOT ONLINE!

HAPPY
TO SEE
ANOTHER
ROBOT
ONLINE!

YOU MEAN OUR *ONLY* LEAD. AND EVEN THOUGH I WAS THERE, I STILL FEEL LIKE I'M TELLING A GHOST STORY.

WHY? WHAT HAPPENED?



FOUR YEARS AGO, IN THE HEART OF THE AMAZON...

...THE LANFRONT RUINS AROSE FROM THE GROUND.

"BEFORE THAT DAY, THERE WAS NOTHING BUT JUNGLE, THEN AN EARTHQUAKE JUST HAPPENS TO PUSH THE ENTIRE ANCIENT CITY TO THE SURFACE? INTACT? THAT IS NOT NATURAL.

"I WAS PART OF A RESEARCH TEAM ASSEMBLED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND COMMISSIONED TO INVESTIGATE THE SITE. WE JOKED THAT WE WERE BEING SENT TO THE LAND-EQUIVALENT OF THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE.

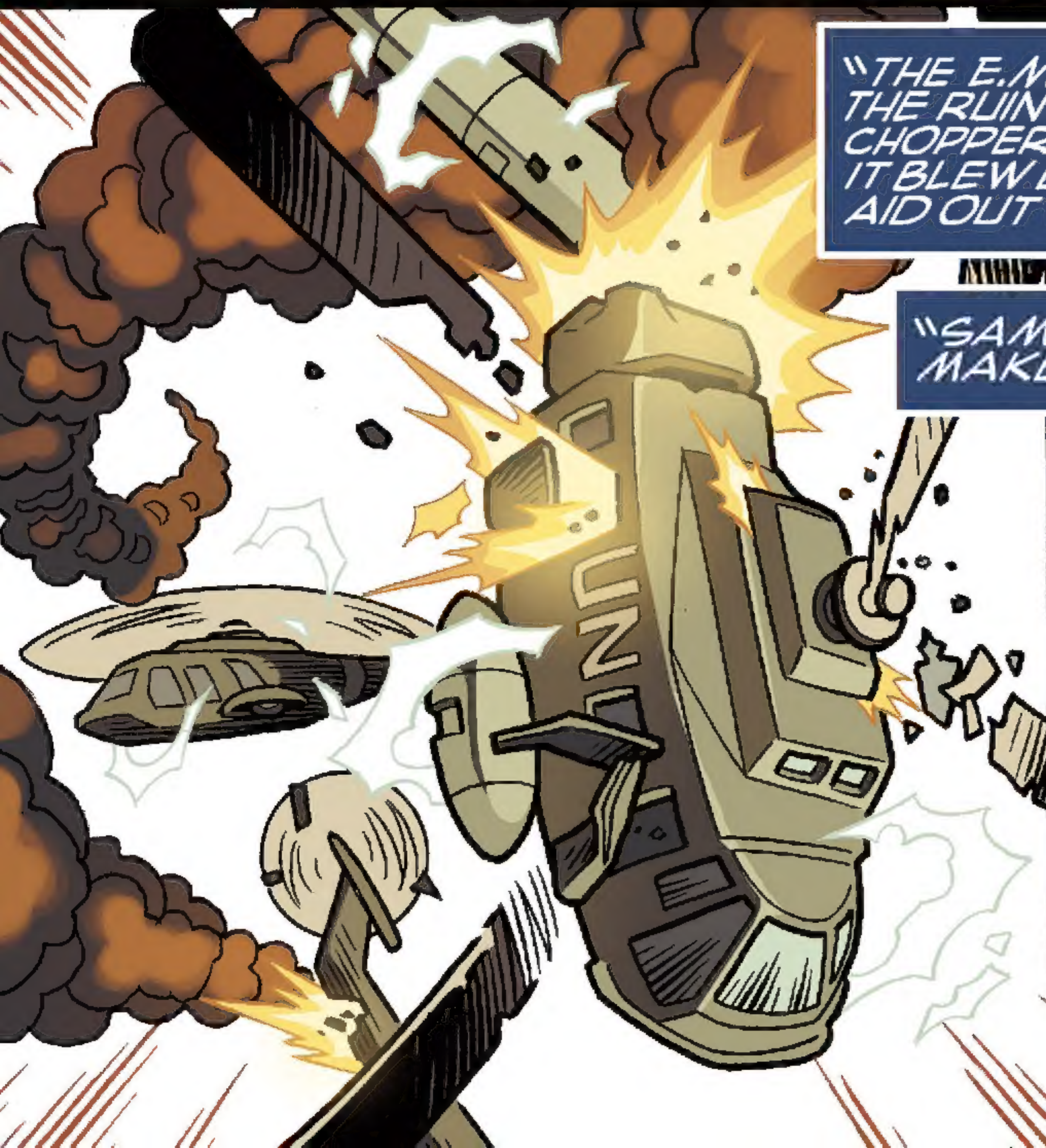
"GOING IN, OUR BIGGEST WORRY WAS ABOUT AFTERSHOCKS."



"THE E.M. FIELD AROUND THE RUINS KNOCKED OUR CHOPPERS OUT OF THE SKY. IT BLEW ELENA'S HEARING AID OUT OF HER EAR.

"SAMUEL HAD A PACE-MAKER THAT..."

"...WELL, LET'S JUST SAY WE WEREN'T ALL LUCKY ENOUGH TO WALK AWAY."



"WHAT WAS LEFT OF OUR U.N. ESCORT WENT IN-TO THE JUNGLE, TRYING TO GET FAR ENOUGH AWAY TO RADIO FOR HELP."

"I LED THE REMAINS OF OUR RESEARCH PARTY DESPITE MY INJURIES. I WAS DETERMINED TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THOSE RUINS. I HAD LOST TOO MANY FRIENDS..."

...AND PART OF MYSELF.

"AFTER WE WERE RESCUED, I SPENT THE NEXT THREE YEARS PETITIONING TO GO BACK, TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON THERE, BUT NOBODY WANTED TO RISK MORE LIVES OR SPEND THE MONEY."

LAST YEAR, THE U.N. HAD THE ENTIRE SITE SET OFF-LIMITS. I JUST...I KNOW IT SOUNDS STUPID, BUT IT FEELS LIKE THERE WAS SOMETHING **MALEVOLENT** ABOUT THAT PLACE. THAT THE PHENOMENON WAS OUT FOR BLOOD...

...BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE GLOBAL BLACK-OUT?

SORRY! I GUESS I GOT CARRIED AWAY...

THE POINT I WAS TRYING TO MAKE IS THIS: FOUR YEARS AGO, THE LANFRONT RUINS WERE SOMEHOW PRODUCING AN E.M. FIELD STRONG ENOUGH TO KNOCK OUT ANY ELECTRONIC DEVICE WITHIN HUNDREDS OF METERS. *NOTHING* ELSE LIKE IT EXISTS ON EARTH.

SO WHILE WE'RE PRETTY SURE WE KNOW *WHERE* THE WAVE IS COMING FROM, WE HAVE NO IDEA *WHAT* IS CAUSING IT, LET ALONE HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.

THEN I'LL FIGURE IT OUT AS I GO! PUT THAT COATING ON RUSH, AND WE'LL FLY TO THE RUINS!

ALL RIGHT, BUT YOU'LL NEED MORE SUPPORT THAN JUST RUSH. THE OTHER ROBOT MASTERS SUFFERED ONLY SUPERFICIAL DAMAGE, SO WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THEM BACK ONLINE. BUT WE'LL NEED TO HURRY...

...AT *BEST*, THAT PROTECTIVE COATING WILL LAST ANOTHER WEEK. WE CAN'T PRODUCE ENOUGH FOR MULTIPLE COATINGS, AND AT THE RATE THE E.M. WAVE IS INTENSIFYING...

ORGANIC BIOLOGY WILL BEGIN SUFFERING, TOO.

THEN LET'S GET TO WORK!

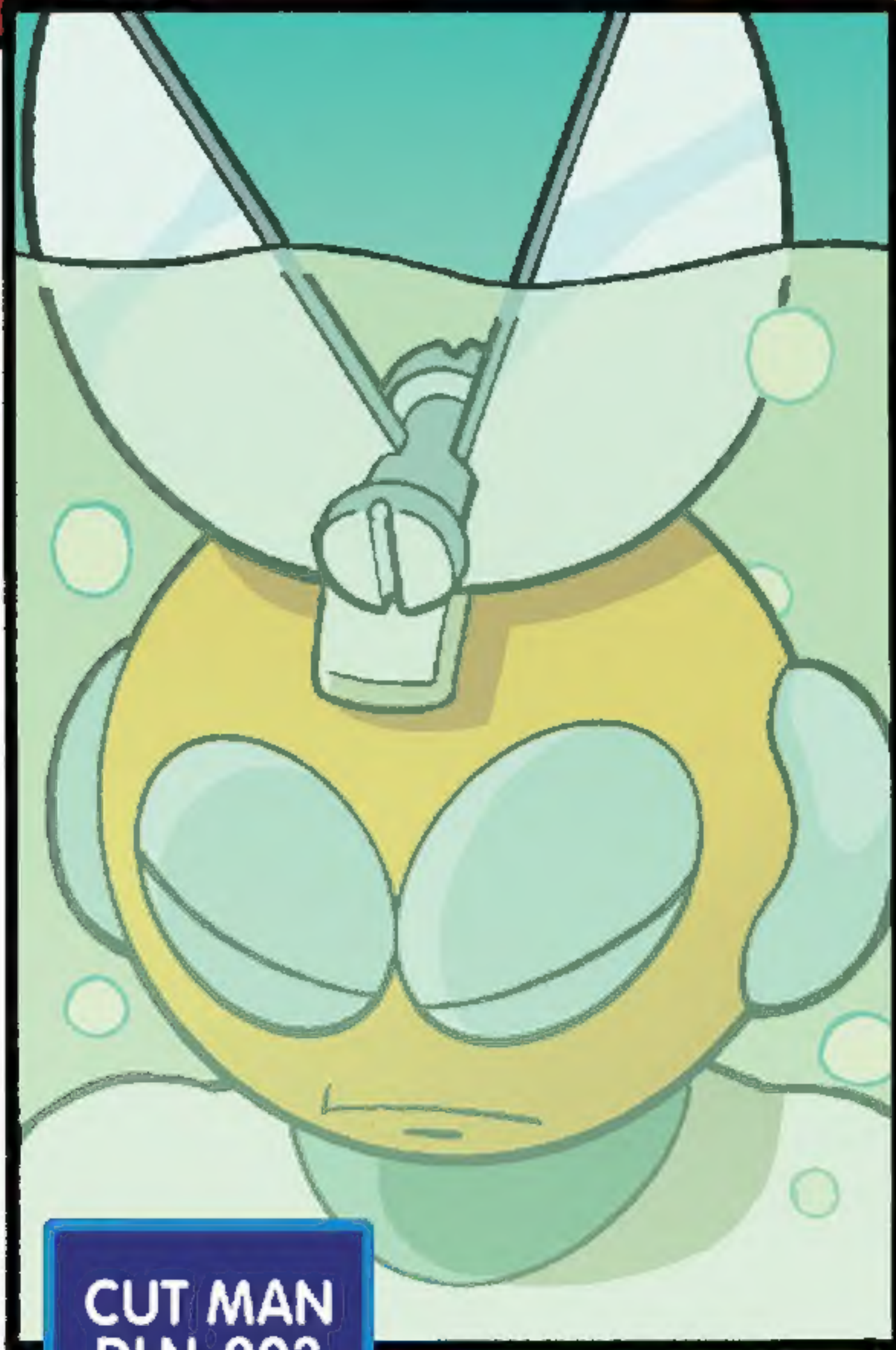
AND SO, THE
WORK BEGINS...

INTO--THE--
LIGH--IMMUNI-
ZATION TUBE--
YOU--LIGH--GO!

GOOD TO HAVE
YOU BACK, AUTO!
NOW LET'S GET
TO HELPING THE
OTHERS!



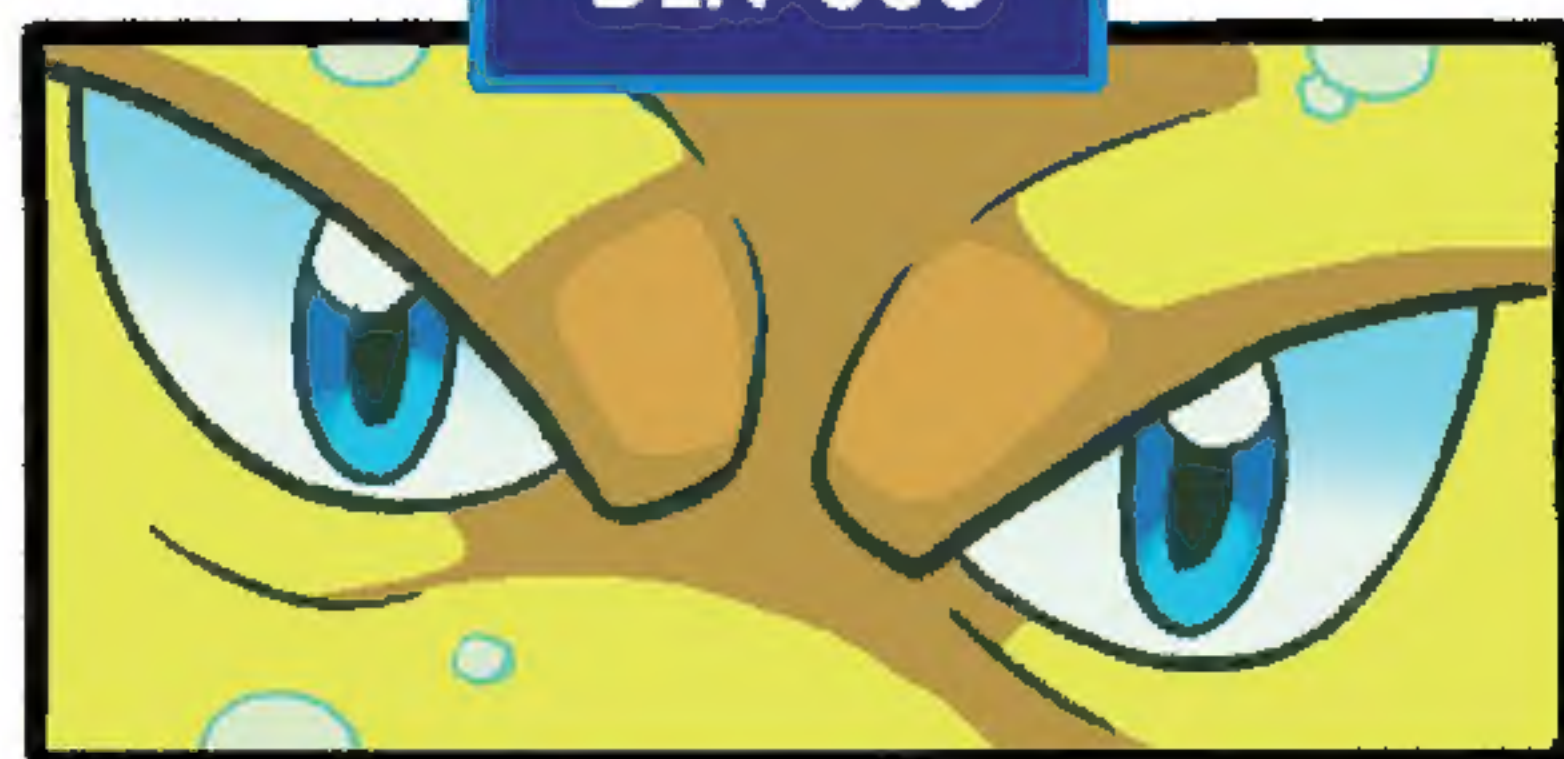
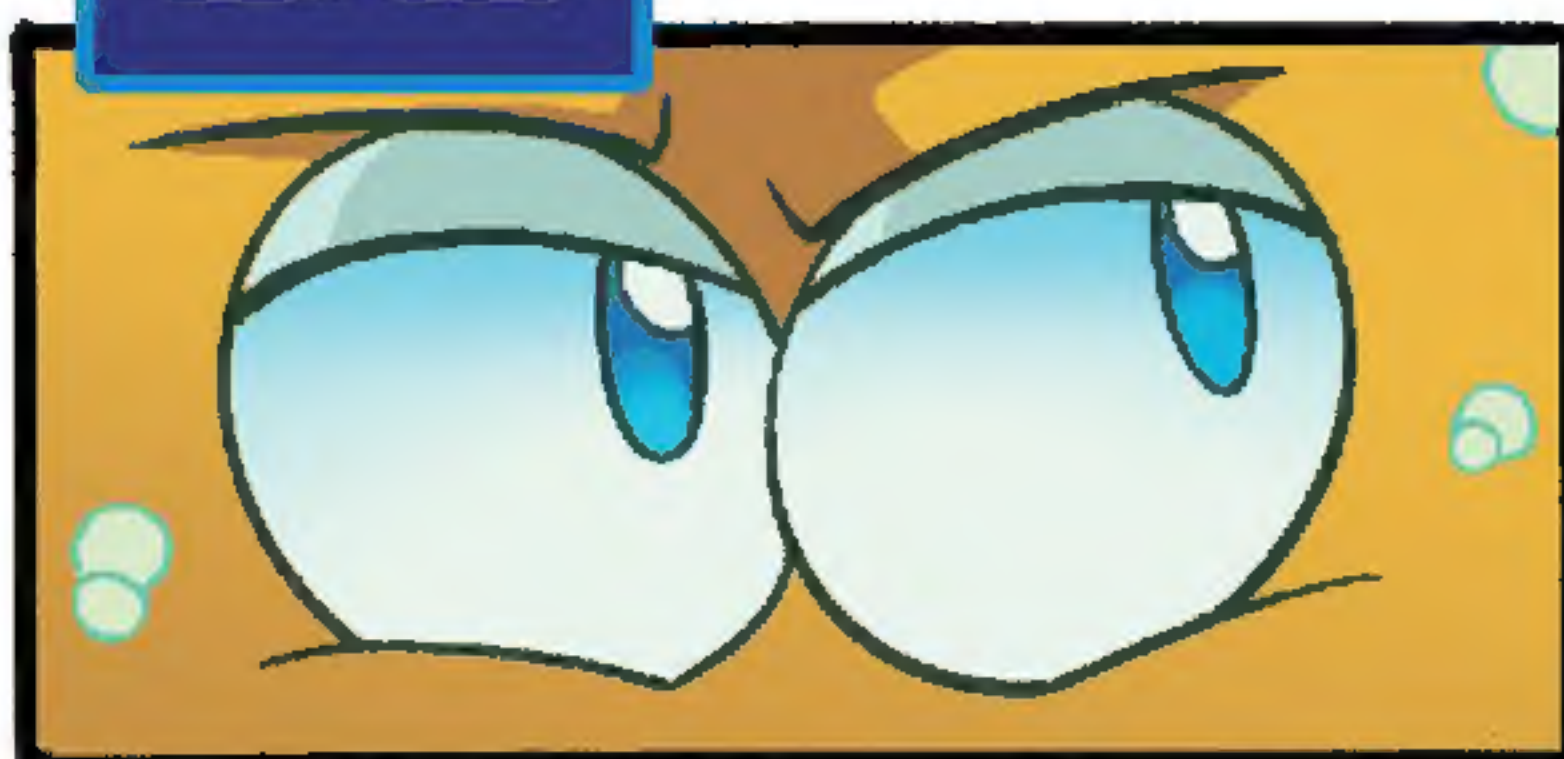
RUSH
MEGA MAN'S
FAITHFUL
DOG



CUT MAN
DLN-003



BOMB MAN
DLN-006



TWO WEEKS AGO...

...SO SORRY...
YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE... I JUST
WANTED TO...

...BLUES?
SON... IS
IT REALLY
YOU?



THIS ISN'T
HOW IT WAS
SUPPOSED TO
BE. ANY OF IT.



HERE. THIS WILL
PROTECT YOUR
NEW KIDS. I'M
SURE YOU'VE GOT
A **REPLACE-
MENT** COMPUTER
SOMEWHERE THAT
CAN READ THIS.

"AND THEN HE
WAS GONE."





"THIS MIGHT JUST WORK!!"

AND SO...

NOT TO KNOCK YOUR GENIUS, DOC, BUT ARE YOU **SURE** THIS OLD THING WILL GET US THERE?

IT'S NOT PRETTY, BUT IT'S ALL I HAD ON HAND. AND IT WILL FLY. WE USED THE LAST OF THE COATING SOLUTION ON IT, SO YOU **SHOULD** MAKE IT THERE.

AW, DON'T SWEAT IT, DOC. WE'LL GET THE JOB DONE.

I-I-I'M SU-UR-URE YOU WI-I-I-ILL!

COMING WITH US TO **ROOT** OUT THE SOURCE OF THE WAVE, PLANT MAN?

UH...NO. I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND HELP THE DOCTORS. WE NEED TO FIND A WAY TO EXPAND THE REACH OF THE PROTECTIVE COATING SOLUTION. IF WE CAN GET MORE ROBOT MASTERS WORKING, MAYBE THEY CAN HELP MANAGE THE CHAOS.

SO LET'S GO, ALREADY! **HONK-HONK!** WHERE'S MEGS?

SAYING FAREWELL.

HANG ON, SIS. I KNOW YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO SURVIVE. I'LL STOP THE WAVE, AND THEN DR. LIGHT WILL FIX YOU, AND WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN LIKE ALWAYS.

MAYBE WITH OUR BROTHER...EVEN IF HE'S GOT A LOT TO ANSWER FOR.

C'MON, RUSH.

MANY HOURS LATER--
TEMPLE OF THE MOON--
RA MOON'S CHAMBER.

BWORHP-KZZT!

CLANG

BLAM!

DOCTOR
WILY? WHAT
DID YOU *DO*?
THE WORLD
IS--

YOU
ARE NOT
ONE OF
MINE.
DIE!

BREAK
MAN?!
IN HERE,
MY BOY!
HURRY!



IT *IS* YOU! YOU'RE ACTUALLY HERE! HOW DID YOU--?!

THE TELEPORTER ARRAY IS STILL FUNCTIONING. *BARELY*. I MADE A LOT OF SHORT HOPS AND *WALKED* THE REST OF THE WAY. I HAD A LOT OF TIME TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE WORLD.

AH! YES, YES, THANK SPUTNIK FOR SATELLITES! DID YOU BRING ANY FOOD?

NO. WHAT DID YOU--

BLAST! I'M TIRED OF SNEAKING RATIONS PAST RA MOON. ARE YOU INTACT? MEGA MAN DIDN'T ROUGH YOU UP TOO BAD?

NO. I DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS IT. WHAT DID--

AND THAT E.M. IMMUNITY I INSTALLED ISN'T HAVING ANY HICCUPS?



WHAT.

DID.

YOU.

DO?



I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING! IT WAS ALL RA MOON'S FAULT!

YOU PLANNED...

I PLANNED A LITTLE CONTROLLED CHAOS! JUST ENOUGH TO GET THE WORLD'S ATTENTION! BUT RA MOON *USED* ME, AND NOW HE'S OUT TO WIPE OUT ALL OF HUMAN AND ROBOT-KIND!



SO WHY AREN'T YOU DEAD?

I-I DON'T KNOW!

MAYBE HE CAN'T REACH ME DOWN HERE? OR HE DOESN'T WANT TO WASTE THE EFFORT?

MAYBE HE'S JUST TOYING WITH ME...



FINE. I'LL DESTROY HIM.

WHAT? *SOLO*? RA MOON'S FAR TOO POWERFUL --EVEN FOR YOU!

THEN I'LL CALL IN YOUR ROBOT MASTERS...

NO! EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM WAS WORKED ON BY RA MOON! THERE'S A CHANCE HE MODIFIED THEIR CODING AGAINST ME! YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I FIXED MYSELF-- THE ONLY ONE I CAN TRUST!

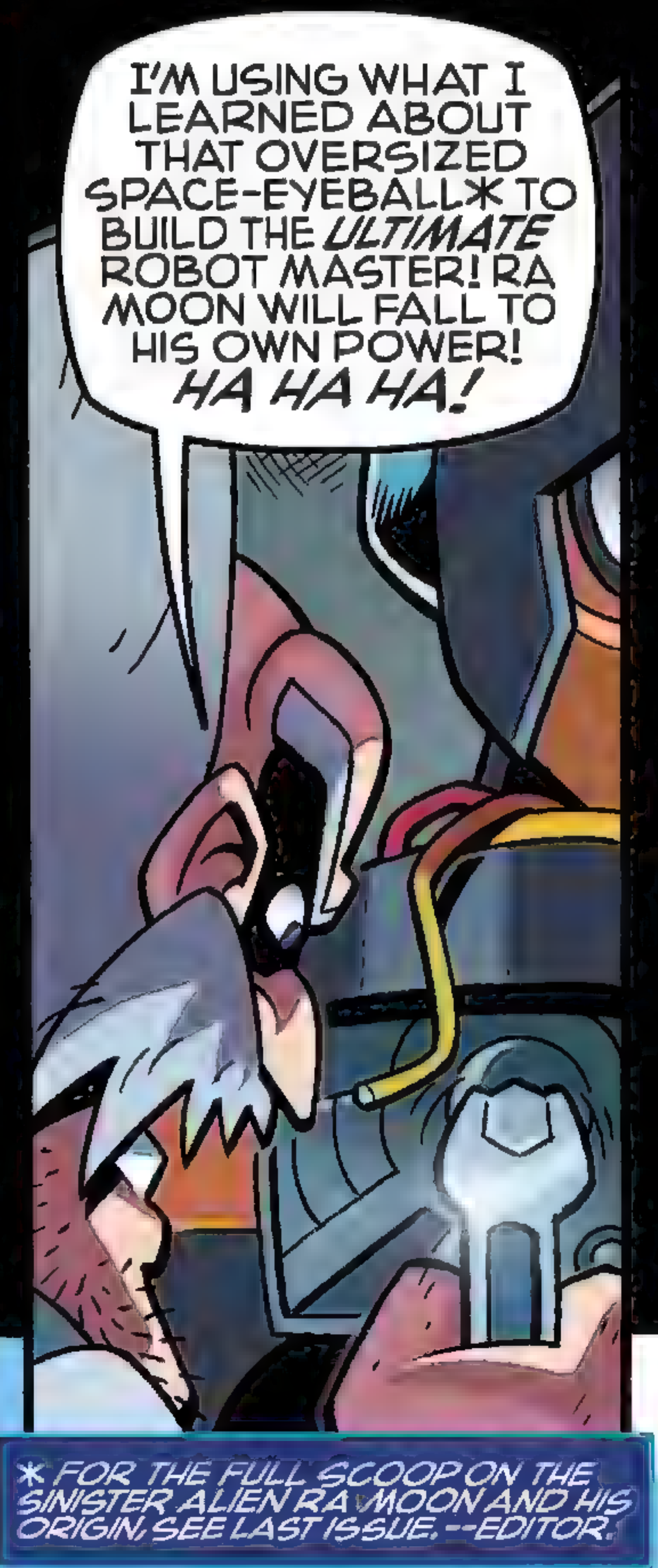


I'M *NOT* GOING TO HIDE IN THE DARK WHILE EVERYONE DIES!

OF COURSE NOT! YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY BODYGUARD IN CASE RA MOON CHANGES HIS MIND AND COMES FOR ME! I'VE GOT TO FINISH RATHOR!

"RA THOR?"

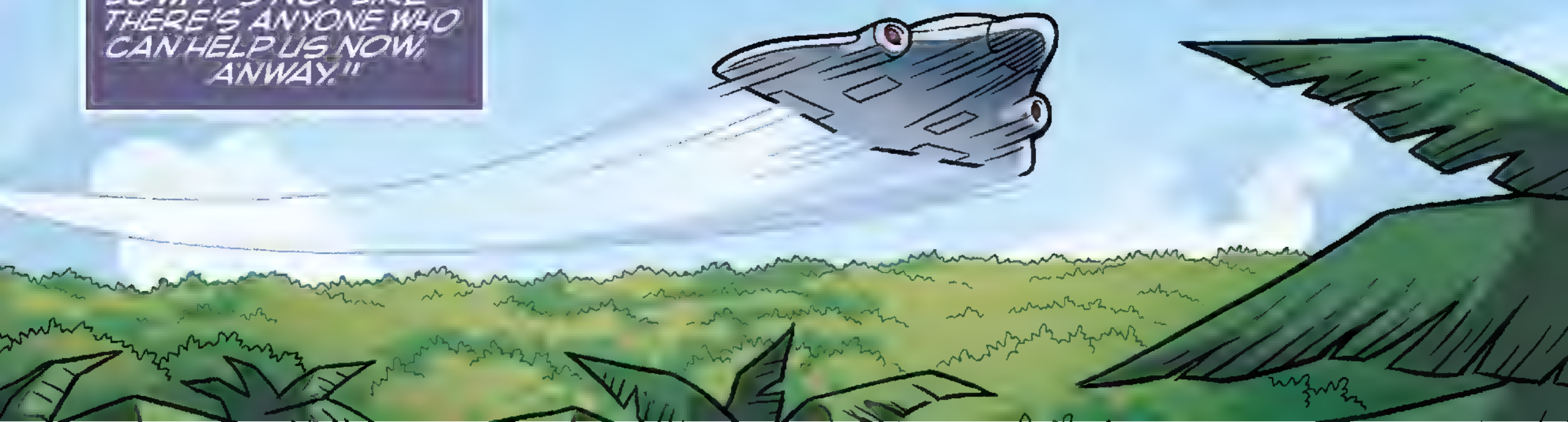
RA MOON THINKS HE CAN TAKE MY TECH AND TURN IT AGAINST ME, EH? WELL, THE JOKE'S ON HIM!



I'M USING WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT THAT OVERSIZED SPACE-EYEBALL* TO BUILD THE *ULTIMATE* ROBOT MASTER! RA MOON WILL FALL TO HIS OWN POWER! *HA HA HA!*

*FOR THE FULL SCOOP ON THE SINISTER ALIEN RA MOON AND HIS ORIGIN, SEE LAST ISSUE. --EDITOR.

"FOR NOW, WE LIE LOW, IT'S NOT LIKE THERE'S ANYONE WHO CAN HELP US NOW, ANWAY."



SO, HEY, I WAS
THINKING...THERE'S
ONE GOOD THING TO
COME FROM ALL THIS.
WITH THE E.M. FIELD
GOING, DR. WILY CAN'T
POP UP WITH ANY
NASTY SURPRISES!

HEH, I
SUPPOSE
YOU CAN
LOOK AT IT
THAT WAY...

CRASH!

SHING!

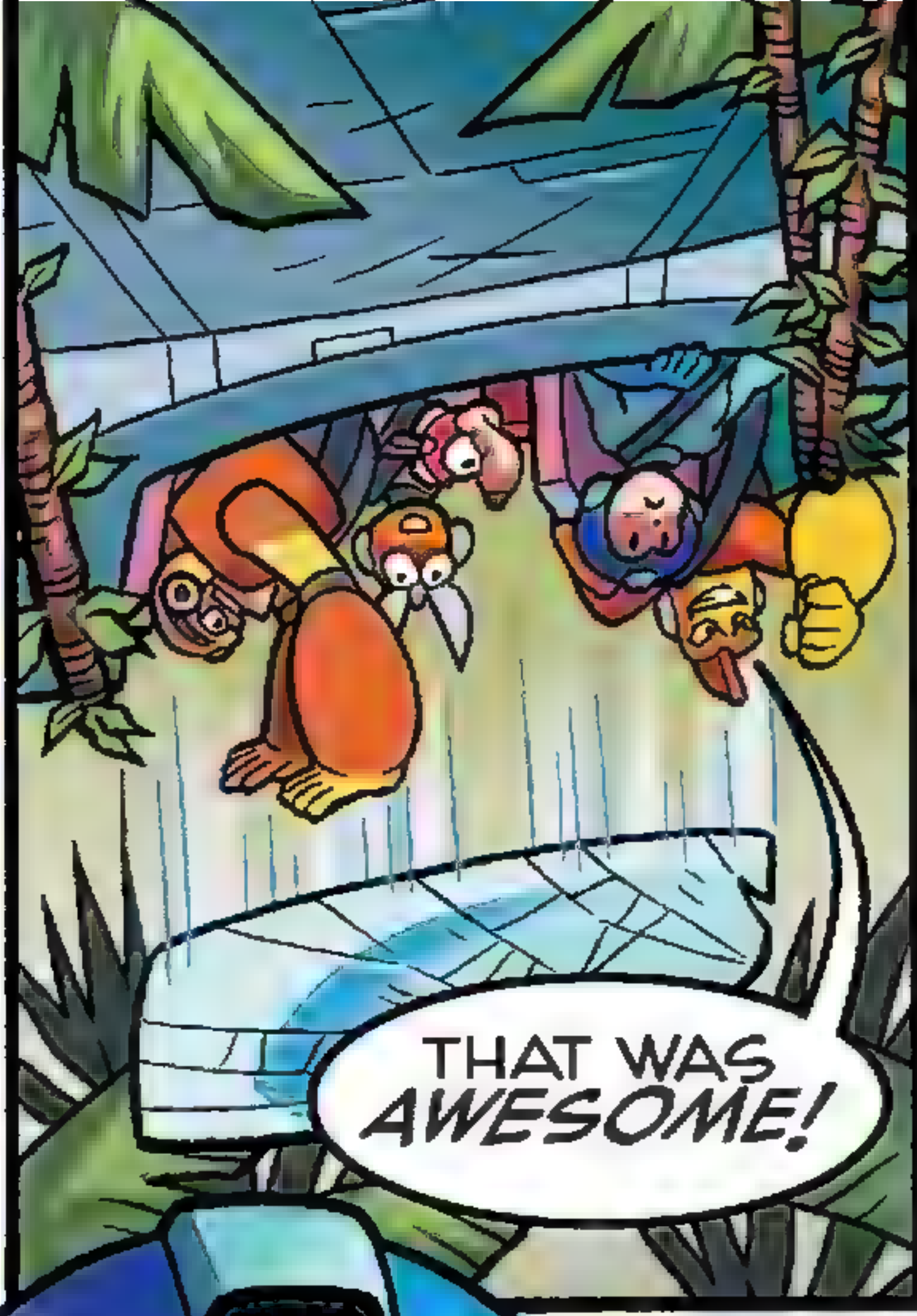
SHING! SHING!

CRASH!

SNAP!

SNAP!

FWUMP!





BECAUSE YOU'VE DEFINITELY FOUND TROUBLE.

BUBBLE MAN
H-2 UH-UH

SEE? I TOLD YOU GUYS. THEY'D HAVE TO COME PAST US. AHHHH...

HEAT MAN
TOO HOT TO HANDLE

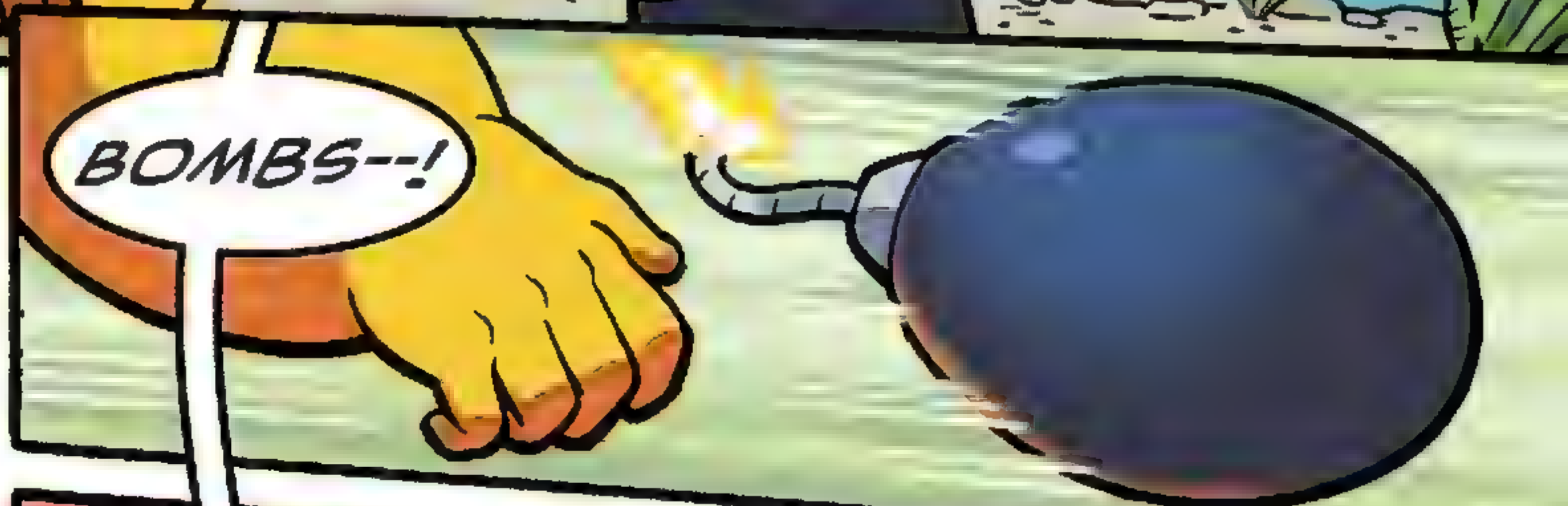
FLASH MAN
TIME CONTROL

METAL MAN
VICIOUS SLICE

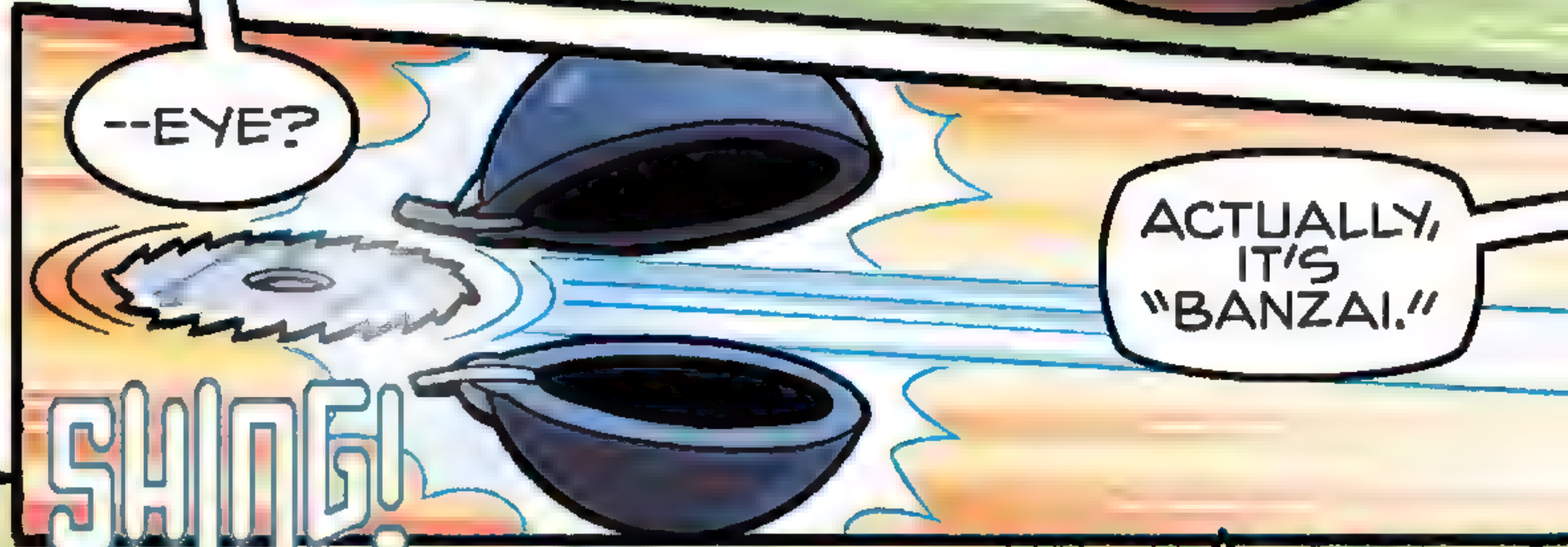


IT...IT'S THE WILY ROBOT MASTERS! THEY'VE BEEN REBUILT?!

SWEET! DON'T HOG 'EM ALL TO YOURSELF THIS TIME, MEGS!



BOMBS--!



--EYE?

ACTUALLY, IT'S "BANZAI!"

SHING!



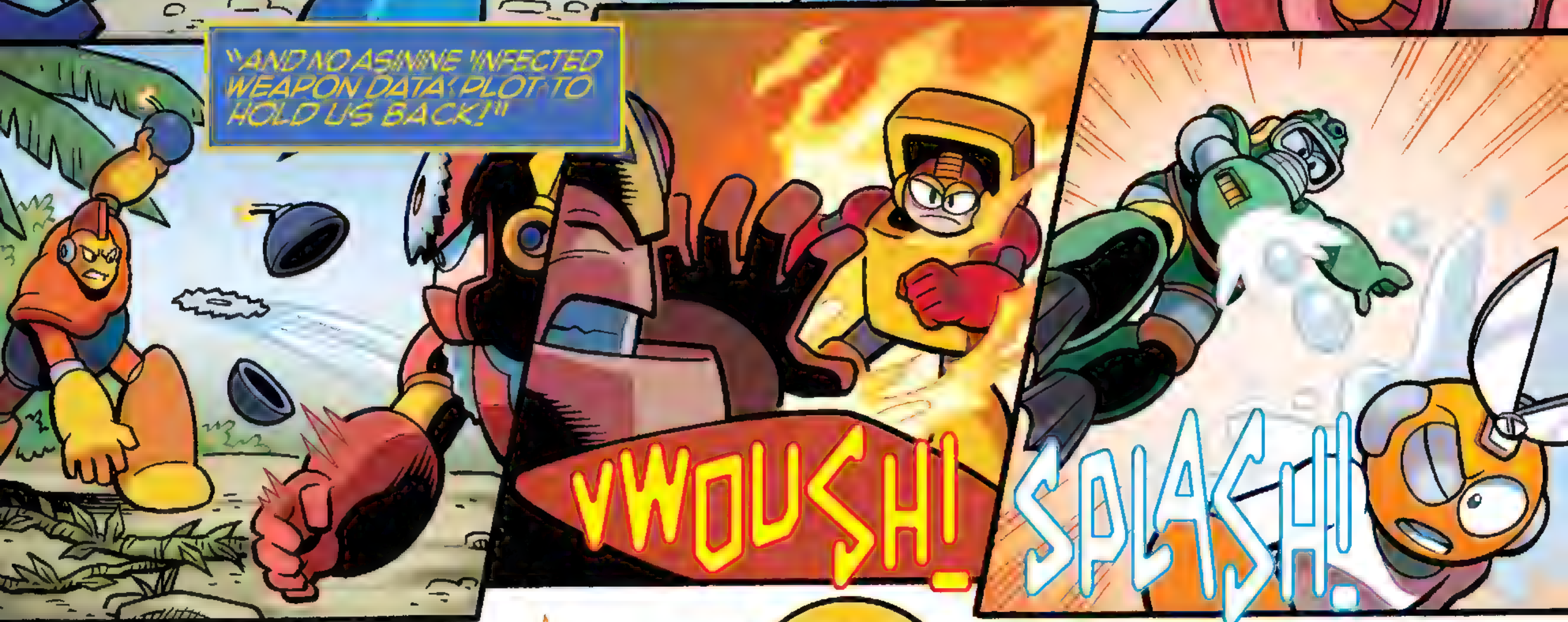
BUT... THE E.M. FIELD! HOW ARE THEY--?!

NEVER MIND! TAKE 'EM DOWN!



I DON'T KNOW *HOW* YOU'RE FUNCTIONING OR EVEN *KNEW* TO COME HERE, BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING PAST MY PATROL. THERE'S NO QUICK MAN (OR HIS EGO) TO SAVE YOU THIS TIME, KID. *

*SEE MEGA MAN VOL. 3 GRAPHIC NOVEL



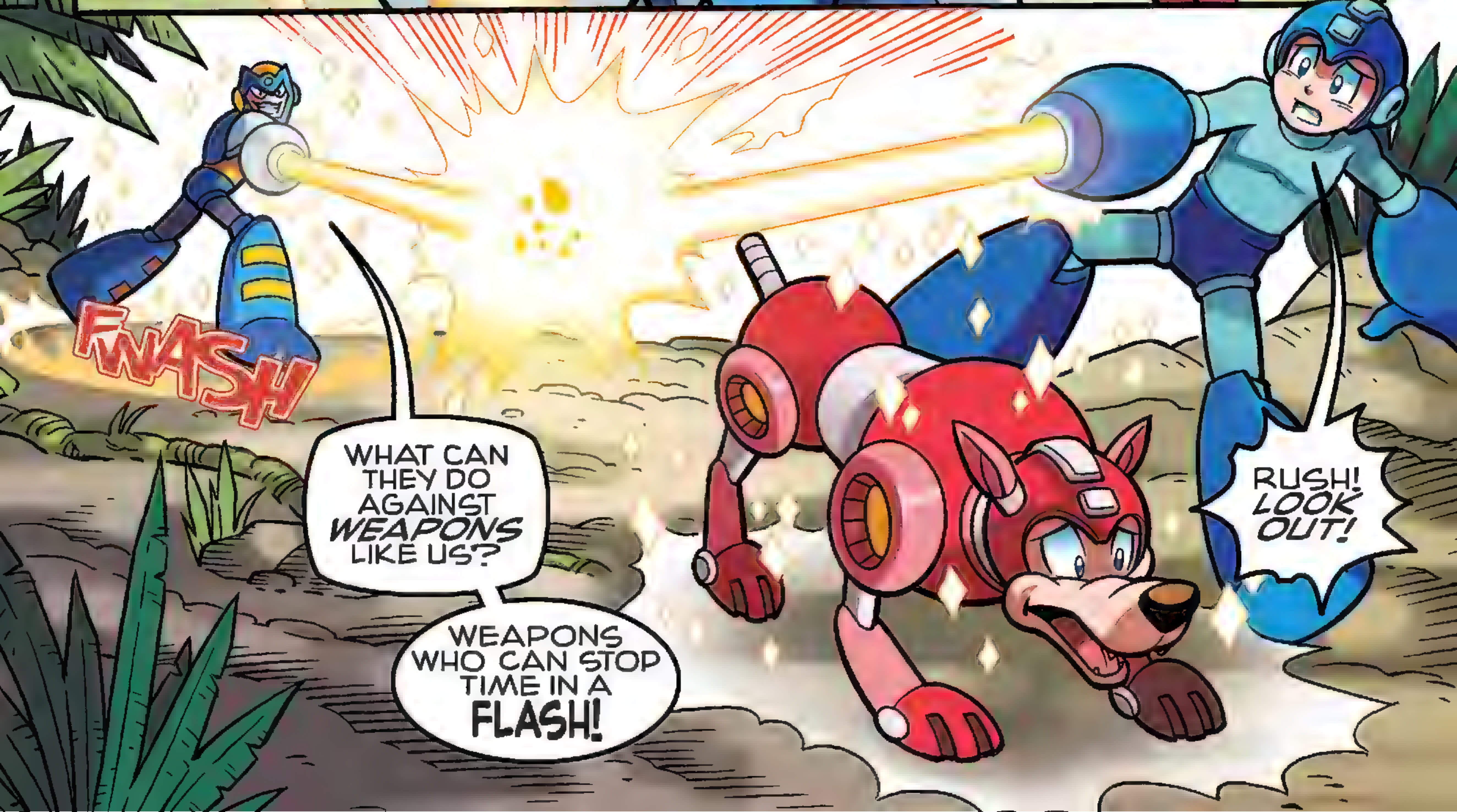
"AND NO ASININE 'INFECTED WEAPON DATA' PLOT TO HOLD US BACK!"

VWOUSH!

SPLASH!



AND *THIS* IS YOUR BACK-UP? INDUSTRIAL-GRADE ROBOTS?

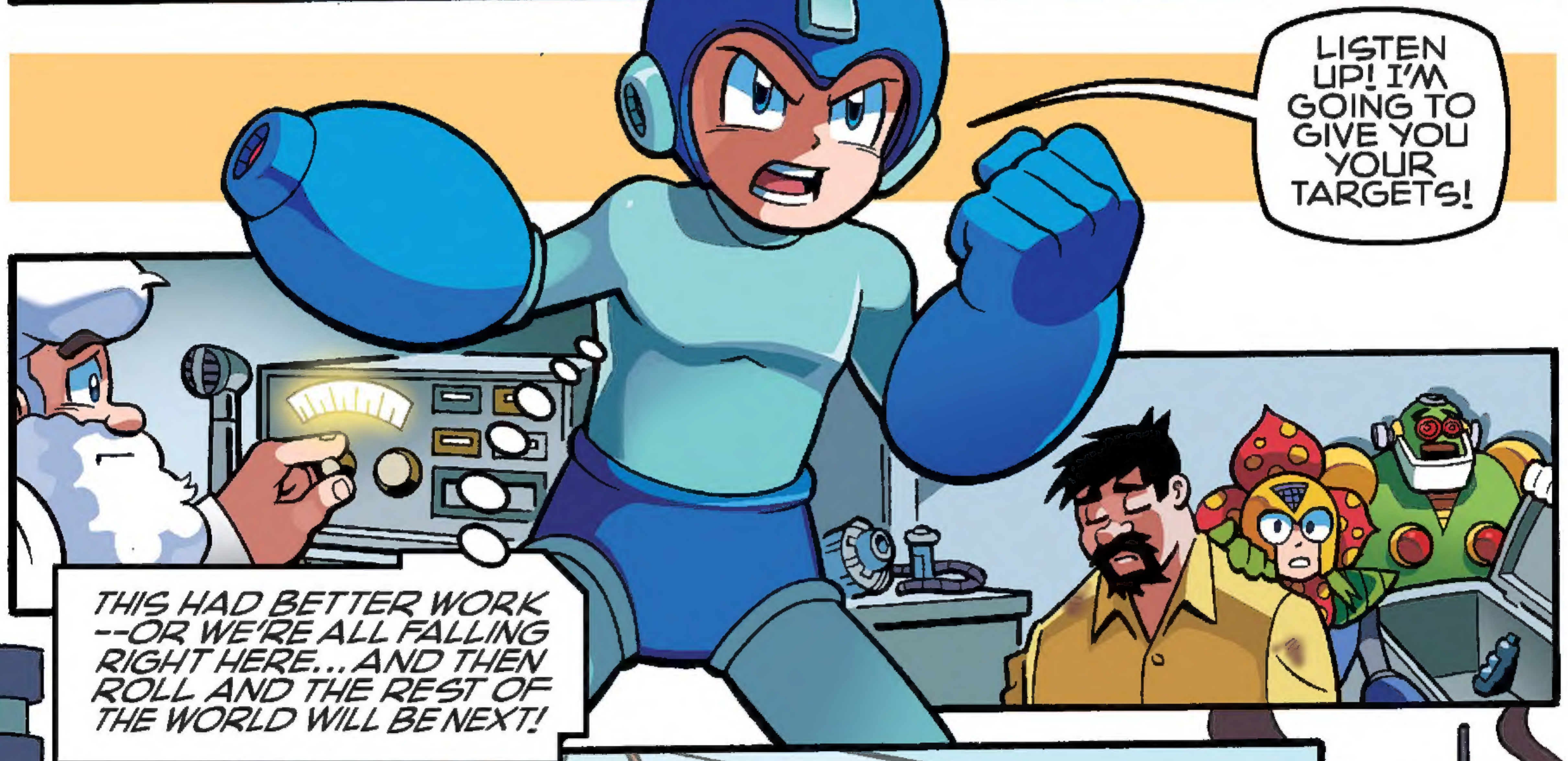
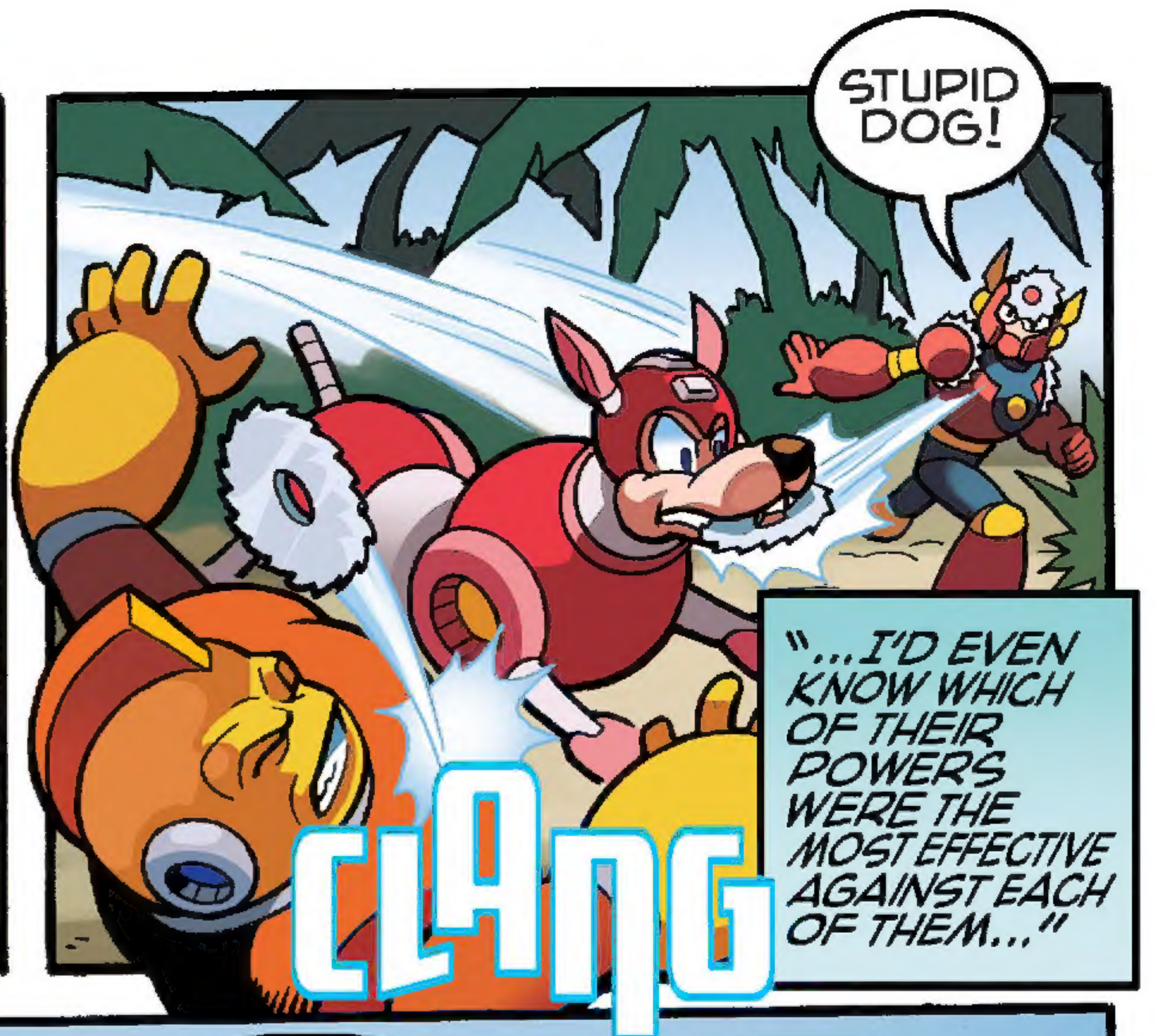


FWASH!

WHAT CAN THEY DO AGAINST *WEAPONS* LIKE US?

WEAPONS WHO CAN STOP TIME IN A *FLASH!*

RUSH! LOOK OUT!



THE END OF THE WORLD DRAWS CLOSER!
WHEN EVERY SECOND COUNTS, DOES MEGA MAN HAVE TIME TO ENGAGE IN BATTLE?! AND IF OUR HEROES ARE DEFEATED HERE, WHO WILL STOP RA MOON?

BLACKOUT:
THE CURSE OF RA MOON
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Dear Mega-Mail,
Have you ever read something that you absolutely love, and whenever it's over you just think "I can't wait for more"? That's how I feel about every issue of the crossover arc! I can tell that you guys have put a lot of thought and heart into this.

Glad to hear you enjoyed the "Worlds Collide" story! We had a lot of fun making it!

I especially love all the game references, to both Mega Man and Sonic. When I saw Big and Quint playing cards I nearly died! Plus, seeing Wily and Eggman interact has been sheer joy. I know you guys will get this after you've finished the entire arc, so let me just say that it was a job well done! Thank you for the awesome comics and I look forward to reading more from all three books!

- Jason sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the kind words, Jason! We hope you enjoy what we have planned for the future! And just in case some of you missed the epic crossover story, you can pre-order volume 1 of

Sonic and Mega Man: Worlds Collide via the coupon in this very issue! Act now for a special discount! Plugplugplug!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I just thought I'd start off by saying that I love the comic so far and I can't wait to see how you tell the stories in the future! I've sent a message before, but didn't get in. But just like the great Dr. Wily, I didn't give up! I will keep trying to get in, even if it takes forever!!!

Forever takes too long, welcome to my humble abode! Even super villains can have admirable qualities, right?

The Worlds Collide crossover event has been fantastic! I'm glad I got to experience it! Could you tell Mr. Bates that I love him? I'm still young, so I haven't seen as much art as you all have, but Ben Bates just stole my heart! I hope he makes a return in the future!

Ben did a great job on the final stretch of the crossover, especially with ALL OF THOSE ROBOT MASTERS! You won't be seeing the last of him!

Mega Man is easily my favorite

video game series and to see the story told in such a fine manner just blows me away! The plots are amazing, all of the artists put in their best for each arc, and I can really see the personality of each character, something others have had trouble with! Again, your comics are quality and I love them! Let's all hope for many more years of Mega Man comics! For everlasting peace!!

Your fan,
Ben D. sent to
MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

P.S.- I love you Ben Bates... also, can Dust Man get some special treatment when he comes around?

I'm sure Ben will be pleased to know that he has such an adoring fan like you to support him! Thanks for writing in, Ben! Look forward to more Mega action in upcoming issues!

Speaking of awesome upcoming issues, we'll see y'all next time for part two of BLACKOUT the Curse of Ra Moon!

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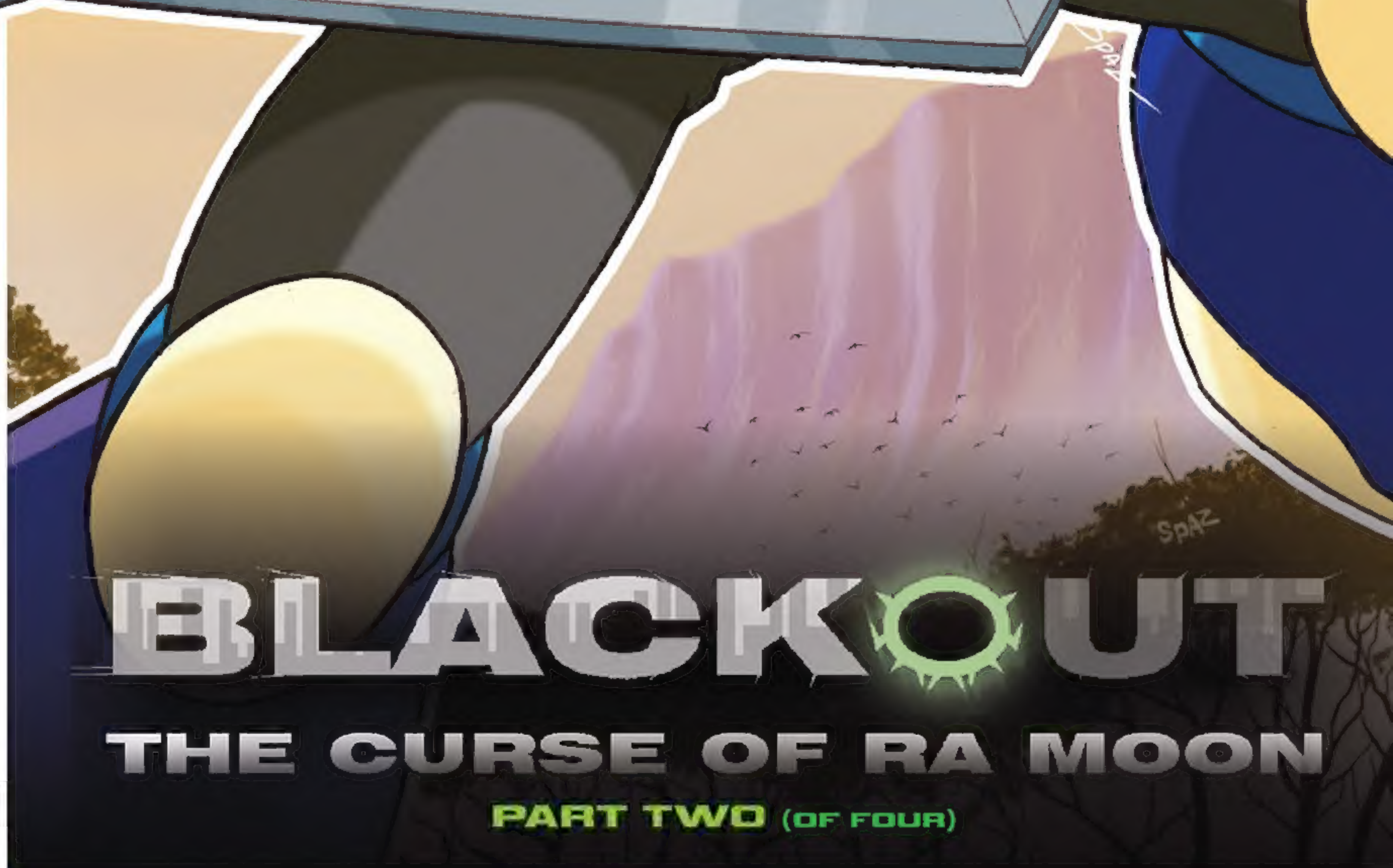
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